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Philly Finale



Pope Francis delivers his speech during a Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, in Philadelphia.

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Pope Francis Wraps up US Visit with Huge Mass

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Obama makes forceful defense of new development goals



President Barack Obama speaks at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, at the United Nations headquarters. The global meeting is focused on fixing some of the world's greatest problems through a 15-year road map.

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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—President Barack Obama on Sunday committed the U.S. to a new blueprint to eliminate poverty and hunger around the world, telling a global summit that a sweeping new development agenda is "not charity but instead is one of the smartest investments we can make in our own future."

It was the first of two addresses Obama is making at the United Nations. His second on Monday morning, to the annual U.N. General Assembly of world leaders, will be a broader examination of world issues, especially the ever-more complicated conflict in Syria and the related refugee crisis.

As Secretary of State John

Kerry put it after a meeting on the sidelines Sunday, "It would be a complete understatement to say that we meet at a challenging time."

Obama offered a powerful defense of a 15-year development agenda and will require trillions of dollars of effort from countries, companies and civil society. He told delegates that 800 million men, women and children scrape by on less than \$1.25 a day and that billions of people are at risk of dying from preventable diseases. He called it a "moral outrage" that many children are just one mosquito bite away from death.

And, with a possible nod toward his address on Monday, he noted that "military interventions might have been avoided over

the years" if countries had spent more time, money and effort on caring for their own people.

"Development is threatened by war," Obama said, and war often arises from bad governance. Addressing the world's greatest refugee crisis since World War II as millions flee conflict in Syria and elsewhere, he said countries "that can, must do more to accommodate refugees" but

added those efforts must be matched by diplomacy. The leaders of Britain, France, Japan and Turkey also were addressing the final day of the development summit. On Monday, the annual General Assembly high-level debate gives countries a chance to lay out their broader vision before the world. World leaders have already begun a whirlwind series of closed-door meetings

on Syria on the U.N. sidelines. Obama meets Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who hasn't shown up to the U.N. meeting for a decade.

Earlier Sunday, French President Francois Hollande announced his country's first airstrikes in Syria, raising the stakes in a region where a U.S.-led coalition nervously watches a new Russian military buildup near Syria's Mediterranean coast. □

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Pope Francis Wraps up US Visit with Huge Mass

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pope

Francis urged hundreds of thousands of the faithful gathered Sunday for the biggest event of his U.S. visit to be open to "miracles of love," closing out his six-day tour with a message of hope for families, consolation for victims of child sexual abuse and a warning to America's bishops.

Organizers had predicted a crowd of 1 million for Francis' open-air Mass, and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway overflowed with the jubilant. They endured hours-long lines and airport-style security checks to see history's first pope from the Americas in the birthplace of the United States.



Pope Francis parades in the popemobile along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, on his way to celebrate Mass.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

The Mass — the final event on Francis' itinerary before the 78-year-old pontiff was to return to Rome — was a brilliant tableau of gold, green and white in the slanted evening sunlight of

a mild early-autumn day. Riding through the streets in his open-sided popemobile, the pontiff waved to cheering, screaming, singing, flag-waving crowds as he made his way to the

altar at the steps of the columned Philadelphia Museum of Art.

With a towering golden crucifix behind him, Francis told his listeners that their presence itself was "a kind of miracle in today's world," an affirmation of the family and the power of love.

"Would that all of us could be open to miracles of love for the sake of all the families of the world," he said to the hushed crowd spread out along the tree-lined boulevard before him.

Crowds a mile away fell silent during the Communion part of the Mass. Some people knelt on the paving stones at City Hall, a few blocks from the altar. June Bounds, 56, of Rochester, New York, watched

the Mass with fellow parishioners on a large screen set up at City Hall, closing her eyes and blinking back tears. "It's very overwhelming," she said. "You feel like you're one body with everyone here, whether you're here, whether you're back home, whether you're anywhere in the world." Of the pope, she said: "He's brought so much joy and holy spirit into the United States. It doesn't matter if you're a Catholic; he's just trying to unite everybody for a better world." Earlier in the day, Francis had a different message for families scarred by the sins of the church itself.

The pope met with five victims of child sexual abuse and told them he was "deeply sorry" for the times they came forward to tell their stories and weren't believed. He assured them that he believes them and that bishops who covered up for abusers will be made to answer for what they did. "I pledge to you that we will follow the path of truth wherever it may lead," Francis said in Spanish. "Clergy and bishops will be held accountable when they abuse or fail to protect children."

A few minutes later, he went into a meeting of bishops from the U.S. and around the world who were in town for a Catholic festival on the family and told them the same thing. "God weeps" over what was done to the youngsters, he lamented.

The pope has agreed to create a new Vatican tribunal to prosecute bishops who failed to protect their flock, and he has accepted the resignations of three U.S. bishops accused of mishandling abuse cases. □

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Speaker Boehner: 'No' government shutdown



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio on Capitol Hill in Washington. Boehner said Sunday there will be no government shutdown when funding expires this week, and he unloaded on the uncompromising faction of the Republican Party that dogged him throughout his speakership.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker John Boehner said Sunday there will be no government shutdown when funding expires this week, and he unloaded on the uncompromising faction of the Republican Party that dogged him throughout his speakership. Speaking on CBS' "Face the Nation," Boehner predicted that the House and Senate will pass a bill this week to keep the government running. The move, he said, will be accompanied by the creation of a special committee to investigate non-profit abortion provider Planned Parenthood and its practice of providing fetal tissue to scientific researchers.

"The Bible says, beware of false prophets. And there are people out there spreading, you know, noise about how much can get done," Boehner said. Asked whether there would be a government shutdown, Boehner replied, "No." But he made clear a faction remains in Congress that favors unrealistic demands over policy that can be passed — even though that approach helped bring the nation to the brink of default in 2011 and triggered a government shutdown two years later. Their demands in exchange for passing a federal budget ranged from defunding President Barack Obama's health

'Breaking Bad' actor helping co-star in New Mexico vote

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Two "Breaking Bad" stars who tried to nab drug lords in the fictional AMC-TV series are trying to shake up the New Mexico political scene in real life.

Dean Norris, who played DEA agent Hank Schrader on the show, is campaigning for Steven Michael Quezada, who is running for the Bernalillo County Commission, KOB-TV reports. Quezada played DEA agent, "Gomey," in the series.

Norris was back in Albuquerque last week urging residents to register to vote. He then attended events with Quezada.

"It's the great right that we have in this country, so first thing you've got to do is register," Norris said. "People complain about the political process all the time without registering to vote. That's the first step to fixing things."

The 52-year-old Quezada, an elected Albuquerque Public Schools board member, is one of four candidates seeking a District 2 commission seat.

"This is really important that we use the power of 'Breaking Bad' and what television does and what media does to get people back involved in the process," Quezada said. □

care reform law to stripping Planned Parenthood of federal funding.

"We have got groups here in town, members of the House and Senate here in town who whip people into a frenzy believing they can accomplish things that they know — they know — are never going to happen," Boehner said. "Our founders didn't want some parliamentary system where, if you won the majority, you got to do whatever you wanted.

They wanted this long, slow process."

Boehner's resignation announcement removes the threat of a vote to oust him from the speakership, clearing the way for the House to pass a government

funding bill free of a provision that would defund Planned Parenthood. Conservatives had demanded the provision be included in the bill, even if doing so would trigger a presidential veto and a partial government shutdown.

It was the culmination of a dispute that stalked Boehner's speakership for five years that was really about how to wield power once a party on the sidelines finally secured it. The massive Republican class of freshmen in 2010 — fueled by the ultraconservative tea party movement — delivered Boehner to the speakership but also insisted on a cut-it-or-shut it governing style that eschewed compromise. □

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Clinton compares email attacks to White House controversies

LISA LERER

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton on Sunday again defended her use of a private email server while she was secretary of state, comparing the multiple investigations to Republican-led probes into her husband's administration more than two decades ago.

"It is like a drip, drip, drip. And that's why I said, there's only so much that I can control," she said in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I can't predict to you what the Republicans will come up with, what kind of, you know, charges or claims they might make."

Clinton likened the inquiries

into her correspondence to controversies like that over the Whitewater land deal that trailed her husband's campaign and much of his administration, saying that voters in New York elected her to the Senate despite years of political questions. "During the '90s, I was subjected to the same kind of barrage. And it was, it seemed to be at the time, endless," she said. "When I ran for the Senate, people said, 'Hey, we are more concerned about what you're going to do for us.' And I trust the voters to make that decision this time around too."

The historical comparison marks a new line of defense for Clinton, who has seen her poll numbers fall amid lingering questions



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton greets audience members following a community forum at Moulton Elementary School in Des Moines, Iowa.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neiburgall)

about her email usage. Republicans have linked the email issue to past controversies involving the former first lady in an effort to instill doubts among voters about whether she is trustworthy. The email

controversy has been a distraction for her presidential campaign in which she faces an unexpectedly strong challenge from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. In a separate interview with CNN released on Saturday,

former President Bill Clinton also equated the current investigations being conducted by congressional Republicans and federal agencies with questions faced by his administration. □

Bill Clinton: Global Initiative has gotten good results

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Clinton Global Initiative's blend of government and private-sector effort has helped millions of people worldwide, former President Bill Clinton said Sunday, highlighting the philanthropic network's accomplishments at a time when his family's charitable efforts have come under scrutiny.

The 10-year-old initiative has facilitated programs that aided more than 430 million people in 180 countries, with government, private and civil-society entities working together in 90 percent of the programs,

he noted at the initiative's annual meeting.

"There are some people who don't understand it or question whether it's a good idea," the Democratic former president said, but it's gotten results. Forty-six million children have better educational opportunities, more than 110 million women and children have better access to health care, and clean drinking water is more available to over 27 million people, he said.

The initiative gets corporations and governments to channel money into projects meant to solve international problems, without

direct donations from its parent organization, the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation.

The foundation has raised more than \$2 billion since 2001 to fight poverty, global warming, AIDS, childhood obesity and other problems.

But amid Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign, the foundation has faced questions this year about foreign donors and other aspects of its fundraising.

The Clintons have denied any improprieties and have said the criticism amounts to election-season attacks. □

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US drinking water imperiled by failing infrastructure

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Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) —

Deep inside a 70-year-old water-treatment plant, drinking water for Iowa's capital city is cleansed of harmful nitrates that come from the state's famously rich farmland.

Without Des Moines Water Works, the central Iowa region of 500,000 people that it serves wouldn't have a thriving economy. But after decades of ceaseless service, the utility is confronting an array of problems: Water mains are cracking open hundreds of times every year. Rivers that provide its source water are increasingly polluted. And the city doesn't know how it will afford a \$150 million treatment plant at a time when revenues are down and maintenance costs are up.

"We're reaching the end of the life cycle of some of the most critical assets we've got," said Bill Stowe, CEO and general manager of the utility, where the downtown plant was built long before nitrates that can harm infants became a pressing concern.

Around the U.S., scores of decaying drinking water systems built around the time of World War II and earlier are in need of replacement. The costs to rebuild will be staggering. The costs of inaction are already piling up. The



This Wednesday, July 15, 2015 photo shows tanks in the Nitrate Removal Facility at the Des Moines Water Works plant in Des Moines, Iowa. The biggest challenge for the utility has been levels of nitrate that are far above the federal standard for safety in the two rivers that are its source water. The utility and scientists argue that the nitrates are largely the result of farm runoff that is tainted with fertilizer and manure.

challenge is deepened by drought conditions in some regions and government mandates to remove more contaminants.

At stake is the continued availability of clean, cheap drinking water — a public health achievement that has fueled the nation's growth for generations.

"The future is getting a little dark for something as basic and fundamental as water," said Adam Krantz of the Water Infrastructure Network, a lobbying group that is fighting cuts to key federal water programs.

Unlike pothole-scarred roads or crumbling bridges, decaying water systems of-

ten go unnoticed until they fail. But without big changes in national policy, local governments and their ratepayers will be largely on their own in paying for the upgrades. The amount of federal money available is a drop in the bucket. That will mean rising water rates for customers, a trend that is expected to continue for years.

"That's the key that Americans have to understand: If they want this system, they are going to have to be willing to finance it," said Greg DiLoreto, past president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, which has warned of a future with

Utilities have long struggled to predict when to replace pipes, which have vastly different life cycles depending on the materials they are made from and where they are buried. Experts say a peak of up to 20,000 miles (32,000 kilometers) of pipe will need to be replaced annually beginning around 2035, up from roughly 5,000 miles (8,000 kilometers) currently. Each mile can cost \$500,000 or more.

The impacts are playing out across the U.S. The Philadelphia water department, the nation's oldest, is already spending tens of millions of dollars more per year to replace its worst pipes. Yet the city saw more than 900 water main breaks in the most recent budget year. In June, two massive breaks forced evacuations and damaged cars, homes and businesses.

The massive main break that flooded the UCLA campus in Los Angeles in 2014 was widely seen as a wakeup call for failing infrastructure.

Pipes aren't the only components in need of big investments. Many treatment plants are old and need to be replaced or rebuilt at a cost of tens of millions of dollars even in small cities. New valves to control water flow, new pumping stations to keep up pressure and new tanks to store water are also needed. □

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France carries out airstrikes in Syria against Islamic State

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Six French jet fighters targeted and destroyed an Islamic State training camp in eastern Syria in a five-hour operation on Sunday, President Francois Hollande announced, making good on a promise to go after the group that he has said is planning attacks against several countries, including France.

The multiple airstrikes were the first in Syria by France as it expands its mission against IS, until now centered in Iraq.

"The camp was totally destroyed," Hollande said Sunday after arriving at the United Nations, before the start of a major development summit and the U.N. General Assembly bringing together world leaders.

"We're sure there were no casualties" among civilians, he added.

The French president's office announced the strikes, without details, in a statement hours earlier.

"Our nation will strike each time our national security is at stake," the statement said.

Hollande told reporters the strikes on the training camp, and others to come, were aimed at "protecting



France's President Francois Hollande visits a public center for insertion of the Defense (EPIDE) in Montry, France. France has fired its first airstrikes in Syria as it expands military operations against Islamic State extremists, President Francois Hollande's office announced Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015. The office said that "France has hit Syria" based on information from French reconnaissance flights sent earlier this month.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon/Pool)

our territory, cutting short terrorist actions, acting in legitimate defense."

However, the limited strikes will likely have but a limited effect. The U.S.-led coalition has been carrying out regular airstrikes that punish but have failed to decimate IS, which controls large swaths of Syria.

Hollande's decision to carry out targeted strikes on strategic IS sites is coupled

with France's bid to press for a political solution to the Syrian crisis. Beyond military objectives, the strikes serve to bolster France's position in helping to find a solution to a crisis that also includes Russia and Iran.

"France is talking with everyone and excluding no one," Hollande said at the U.N. While "all concerned parties" must be included, he also stressed that "the

future of Syria cannot (include President) Bashar Assad."

Sunday's air raids on the IS training camp site in the Euphrates valley lasted about five hours, the Defense Ministry said, with fighter jets — five of them Delta-winged Rafales, taking off from Jordan and the Persian Gulf, the ministry said without naming the Gulf location. □

IS loyalists kill 3 police in attack in Afghanistan

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Islamic State gunmen attacked checkpoints in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, killing three police in the group's first attack on the country's security forces, Afghan officials said.

The spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar province, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, said another eight police were wounded in the attack in the Achin district, bordering Pakistan.

Afghanistan responded to the pre-dawn attack with a wave of airstrikes that killed 85 IS militants, according to a statement from the Afghan intelligence agency. "All the terrorists killed were Pakistani citizens," under the command of Hafiz Saeed, who was also killed, the National Directorate of Security statement said.

Elsewhere in the country, a car bomb near a cricket match in the eastern Paktika province killed nine people and wounded 33, according to the Interior Ministry. The Taliban said they were not behind the attack. Until now IS loyalists in Afghanistan have only clashed with Taliban insurgents. The two militant groups are fighting for Islamic rule but are bitterly divided over strategy and leadership. A statement purportedly issued by an IS affiliate claimed a "big attack" in Nangarhar.

The group, referring to itself as the Khorasan Province of the Islamic State, posted a statement on Twitter that was circulated by supporters. It said militants seized two army barracks in Achin, set fire to an army vehicle, seized weapons and killed nine "apostates." □

Putin slams US policy in Syria ahead of Obama meet

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin sharply criticized U.S. military support for Syrian rebels, describing it as not only illegal but counterproductive, in an interview broadcast Sunday before his meeting with President Barack Obama.

Putin made a point of noting the Pentagon's recent admission that an effort to train more than 5,000 Syrian rebels had yielded

only four or five fighters after about 50 others were captured, wounded or fled in their first encounter with extremist militants.

"It turns out that just 60 were properly trained, only four or five with weapons are fighting, while the rest of them simply took the American weapons and ran over to join ISIS," Putin, using an alternate acronym for the Islamic State group, said in the

interview with U.S. networks CBS and PBS to be broadcast Sunday evening in the United States. The Kremlin released an excerpt of the interview earlier in the day.

Defending Russia's military buildup in Syria and support for President Bashar Assad, he described Assad's army as the only "legitimate" one in Syria. The U.S. "provision of military support to illegal

structures runs counter to the principles of modern international law and the United Nations charter," Putin said.

His statements show how far apart Russia and the U.S. remain on Syria. Putin and Obama meet on Monday on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly, after both leaders address the annual gathering of world leaders. □



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Iraq to share intelligence on IS with Syria, Russia and Iran

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's military said Sunday it will begin sharing "security and intelligence" information with Syria, Russia and Iran to help combat the Islamic State group, a move that could further complicate U.S. efforts to battle the extremists without working with Damascus and its allies. A statement issued by the Joint Operations Command said the countries will "help and cooperate in collecting information about the terrorist Daesh group," using the Arabic acronym for the IS group. Iraq has long had close ties with neighboring Iran and has coordinated with Tehran in fighting IS — which controls about a third of Iraq and Syria in a self-declared caliphate. Iran has sent military advisers to Iraq and worked closely with Shiite militias battling the IS group.

A U.S.-led coalition has meanwhile been conducting airstrikes against IS in Iraq and Syria as well as training and advising Iraqi forces, but U.S. officials insist they are not coordinating their efforts with Iran.

The U.S. also refuses to cooperate with Syrian President Bashar Assad, who Washington has insisted should step down. Russia and Iran have provided crucial support to Assad since Syria's uprising began in 2011.

The Baghdad-based spokesman for the U.S.-led campaign against the IS group, Col. Steve Warren, said the U.S. remains com-



Members of the Abbas combat squad, a Shiite militia group, carry a picture of spiritual leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani during a parade in Basra, 340 miles (550 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. Iraqi security forces and allied Shiite militias are training together to try to regain Iraqi cities under Islamic State control, officials said.

(AP Photo/Nabil al-Jurani)

mitted to working with Iraq to defeat the extremists.

"We recognize that Iraq has an interest in sharing information on ISIL with other governments in the region who are also fighting ISIL," Warren said, using another acronym for the militant group. "We do not support the presence of Syrian government officials who are part of a regime that has brutalized its own citizens." U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly on Sunday, said in response to the Iraqi statement that "all of the efforts need to be coordinated. This is not yet coordinated." □

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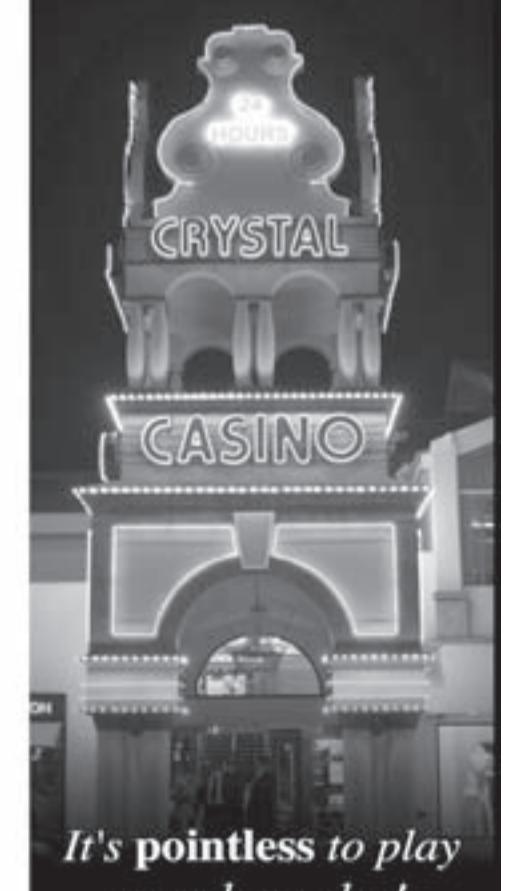
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Pro-secession parties in Catalonia win landmark vote



The President of Democratic Convergence of Catalonia Artur Mas, is acclaimed by supporters in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday Sept. 27, 2015. Voters in Catalonia participated in an election Sunday that could propel the northeastern region toward independence from the rest of Spain or quell secessionism for years.

(AP Photo/Emilio Morenatti)

**HAROLD HECKLE
JOSEPH WILSON
Associated Press**

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Pro-secession parties pushing for Spain's northeastern Catalonia region to break away and form a new Mediterranean nation won a landmark vote Sunday by capturing a majority of seats in the region's parliament, setting up a possible showdown over independence with the central government in Madrid. With 97 percent of the vote counted, the "Together for Yes" group of secessionists had 62 seats in the

135-member parliament. If they join forces with the left-wing pro-independence Popular Unity Candidacy party, which won 10 seats, they will have the 68 seats needed to push forward their plan to make Catalonia independent from Spain by 2017. But CUP had insisted that it would only join an independence bid if secessionist parties won more than 50 percent of the popular vote. They won only about 46 percent because of a quirk in Spanish election law that gives a higher proportion of legislative seats

to rural areas with fewer voters.

Still, Catalonia leader Artur Mas claimed victory as a jubilant crowd interrupted him with cheers and chants of "Independence!"

Many Catalans who favor breaking away from Spain say their industrialized region, which represents nearly a fifth of Spain's economic output, pays too much in taxes and receives less than its fair share of government investment.

"As democrats we were prepared to accept the defeat. Now, we demand that they accept the vic-

tory for Catalonia and the victory of the 'yes,'" he said. "We have a lot of work ahead, we won't let you down, we know we have the democratic mandate. We have won and that gives us an enormous strength to push this project forward."

The pro-independence parties had nearly 48 percent of the popular vote, falling just short of a majority because of a quirk in Spanish election law that gives a higher proportion of legislative seats to rural areas with fewer voters. Critics said the pro-independence forces failed to gain legitimacy for their secession push with the election result.

"They have lost the elections as a de facto referendum because they haven't won the 50 percent of the vote. Mas should resign," said candidate Carlos Carrizosa of the anti-independence Citizens party, which won the second-highest number of seats. Popular Unity Candidacy leader David Fernandez insisted in a television interview that his party "will not be the one to fail independence." But differences are already apparent as party leaders have declared that they want an immediate declaration of independence rather than the 18-month secession roadmap favored by the "Yes" bloc.

Secessionists have long pushed for an independence referendum, but Spain's central government refused to allow it, saying such a vote would be unconstitutional. So the pro-independence parties pitched the vote for regional parliamentary seats as a de facto plebiscite. The parliament, based in Barcelona, represents the northeastern region of 7.5 million people bordering France that is responsible for nearly a fifth of Spain's economic output.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's ruling Popular Party government says it will use all legal means to prevent Catalonia from breaking away, an exit European leaders have warned would include ejection from the European Union despite claims by secession supporters that a way may be found for an independent Catalonia to stay. Spain's government has also said it is concerned that if Catalonia tries to break free it would disrupt the fragile signs of economic recovery for the country that has endured unemployment of over 22 percent for several years. But the ruling party's candidate to lead Catalonia, Xavier Garcia Albiol, acknowledged that Sunday's result was a blow.

"These are not the results that we expected or wanted," he said. □

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UK's Labour backs down on vote on scrapping nuclear weapons



Britain's Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn, left, with deputy leader Tom Watson, centre, listen to speeches during the Labour Party annual conference at the Brighton Centre in Brighton, England, Sunday Sept. 27, 2015. For six decades, British governments have considered unilateral nuclear disarmament unthinkable, but the newly elected radical left-wing leader Corbyn, and his party members may commit a future Labour government to scrapping Britain's Trident nuclear arms program.

(Gareth Fuller / PA via AP)

JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Labour Party has decided to leave the country's nuclear weapons alone. The opposition party's new leader, Jeremy Corbyn, opposes atomic weapons, and had said the issue would be debated at the party's annual conference, which opened Sunday. But after Labour-supporting trade unions said they would vote to keep nuclear weapons and protect thousands of defense jobs, delegates dropped the issue from the conference agenda.

It's a setback for left-wing leader Corbyn, who wants the party to consider policies long considered off the political agenda, from nationalizing industry to diverging on foreign policy from the U.S.

He said earlier Sunday that Britain should get rid of its "weapon of mass destruction" and scrap the Trident nuclear program.

Britain has been a nuclear power since the 1950s, and both Labour and Conservative governments have consistently supported atomic weapons. Since the 1990s, Britain's nuclear deterrent has consisted of four Royal Navy submarines armed with Trident missiles. News that Trident would be debated at the conference for the first time in many years had been hailed as a victory by anti-nuclear activists — but caused despair for Labour centrists, who fear the party faces electoral oblivion under Corbyn.

John McTernan, a former aide to Prime Minister Tony Blair, argued that nuclear weapons are "deeply and broadly supported" by British voters.

"So to make the centerpiece of your first conference a turn towards unilateralism is a resounding signal to the public that you don't want to be a party of government," he said. A vote to get rid of Trident



would also have opened a rift between Corbyn and many Labour lawmakers, who support retaining nuclear weapons. Parliament is due to decide next year how to replace the aging Trident system.

The divide between pro- and anti-nuclear forces has long been a fault-line in the Labour Party. It was Prime Minister Clement Attlee's Labour government that developed atomic weapons in the years following World War II, making Britain the world's third nuclear-armed state after the United States and the Soviet Union.

Labour briefly adopted a policy of unilateral disarmament under leader Michael Foot, whose election-losing 1983 party manifesto was described by one Labour

lawmaker as "the longest suicide note in history." Labour's 1980s defeats led Blair and other young leaders to create "New Labour," repositioning the party as patriotic, pro-business and strong on defense.

"Defense and security has been an issue that the Labour Party has been very, very keen to keep mainstream, certainly since the 1980s," said Richard Whitman, an associate fellow at international affairs think-tank Chatham House. New Labour won three consecutive elections from 1997, but the party lost power in 2010 and was trounced by Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives in a May election that focused largely on perceptions of economic competence. □

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Mexicans march on anniversary of 43 students' disappearance



Relatives of the 43 missing Ayotzinapa teachers' college students lead a march marking the one-year anniversary of the students' disappearances in Chilpancingo, Mexico, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. One year ago, several students and bystanders were killed and 43 students vanished in the nearby city of Iguala.

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Thousands of people marked the one-year anniversary

of the disappearance of 43 students by marching down Mexico City's premier avenue in an atmosphere of defiant hope Sat-

urday. Activists said the movement might bring justice for Mexico's disappeared, though only two of the stu-

dents' remains have been identified by DNA analysis of charred bone fragments. While the march was smaller than past demonstrations, the case has helped publicize the thousands who have gone missing since Mexico's drug war started in 2006. Peace and anti-crime activist Maria Guadalupe Vicencio wore a skirt made of a Mexican flag splattered with fake blood. The names of three disappeared activists from her violence-plagued home state of Tamaulipas were written across her shirt. Vicencio said the students' movement "sets an example for all Mexicans to wake up, and not be silent." In a meeting with the parents of the 43 missing students earlier this week, President Enrique Pena Nieto promised to create a special prosecutors' office to investigate all of Mexico's disappearances. More than 25,000 people disappeared in Mexico

between 2007 and July 31, 2015, according to the government. Unidentified bodies often turn up in clandestine graves of the kind used by drug gangs to dispose of victims. But most people disappear without a trace.

The 43 students from a radical teachers college disappeared on Sept. 26, 2014, after a clash with police in Iguala, a city in the southern state of Guerrero. Six other people were killed at the hands of the police during the disturbances.

According to Mexico's former attorney general, local police illegally detained the students and then turned them over to the local drug gang Guerreros Unidos, which then allegedly killed them and incinerated their remains.

A group of independent experts assembled by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights took apart that version earlier this month, saying the funeral pyre simply couldn't have happened at the small area of a garbage dump where prosecutors say it did.

"For me, the parents of the students have taught us a lesson, about keeping hope for change alive," said Carlos Martel, a business executive who attended Saturday's march with his wife.

The parents of the missing students — many of them barely literate farmers — marched silently at the head of the demonstration. They have refused to accept the government's version that their sons are dead and have called for a new investigation under international supervision. □

American tourist killed in botched robbery in Colombia

J. GOODMAN
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— An American tourist was shot to death during an apparent robbery attempt after leaving his hotel in a wealthy enclave of Medellin, Colombian authorities said this weekend.

Police identified the victim as John Mariani, 65, of New York, and said he was attacked Friday night when his taxi was intercepted by gunmen in a car and on a motorcycle. They said the assailants tried to take his wallet and personal

belongings and shot him when he resisted. The attackers then fled. Police offered a \$16,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators. The U.S. Embassy had no immediate comment. Police said Mariani had arrived in Medellin from Costa Rica, but gave no other information on him. El Poblado neighborhood where the shooting happened is one of the Medellin's wealthiest and safest enclaves. It is a leafy neighborhood that is home to the city's

vibrant dining scene and dozens of high-rise apartment buildings and hotels. Medellin, the country's second biggest city, is a far cry from the 1980s when it was the headquarters for Pablo Escobar's feared Medellin cocaine cartel, and it has been experiencing a boom in tourism. The New York Times featured it at No. 11 on its list of 52 places to go in 2015. Although the city remains a major center of crime, violence has dropped since Escobar's heyday, when more than a dozen people were slain

daily on average. The city had a homicide rate last year of 26.1 per 100,000 residents, about five times the U.S. average but well below major American cities like Detroit and Baltimore. Seven Colombians were extradited to the U.S. last year to face charges in the stabbing death of a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, James "Terry" Watson, who was killed during a botched "express kidnapping" by a ring that targeted unsuspecting passengers hailing taxi cabs in Bogota. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

EPB Students Compete for Coveted Iron Chef Apprentice Spots



ORANJESTAD – On Thursday, October 8th, the much-anticipated and sold out event, Iron Chef Aruba (produced by Island Temptations magazine as the finale for the Aruba Tourism Authority's Eat Local Restaurant Week), will take place with three of Aruba's top chefs vying for the title. Executive Chef Stephen Toebs from The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba, Executive Chef Teddy Bouroncle from the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, and Executive Chef Ever de Pena from Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa will compete in a three-course format with a mystery basket challenge for each course.

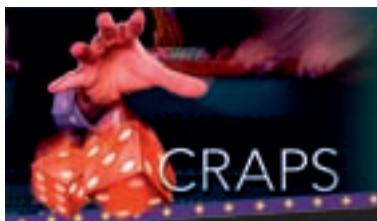


The chefs will each have two apprentices on stage to help them meet the challenge of preparing their courses within a specified time limit. With an initiative to include the island's future generation of chefs in the event, the final year students in EPB's culinary program competed in their own mystery basket challenge, preparing two courses and presenting them to the Iron Chef competitors in hopes of being chosen as an apprentice. Standing in for Executive Chef Teddy, who was off the island, was Marriott's Executive Sous Chef Miguel Garcia, and joining the panel as a guest judge was Executive Sous Chef Darwin Torres from Divi Resorts.

Looking sharp and professional in their new chef jackets—generously donated by ASD, a co-sponsor for Iron Chef Aruba and the island's premier hotel and kitchen equipment and supply company—the students prepared their dishes under the watchful eye of the judges and EPB instructors Bas Willemsen and Orlin Geerman. Each student presented their final plates using ingredients from two separate mystery baskets: the first contained veal chops, flour tortillas, figs, and enoki mushrooms, while the second challenged the students with snapper, couscous, rainbow carrots, and miso.

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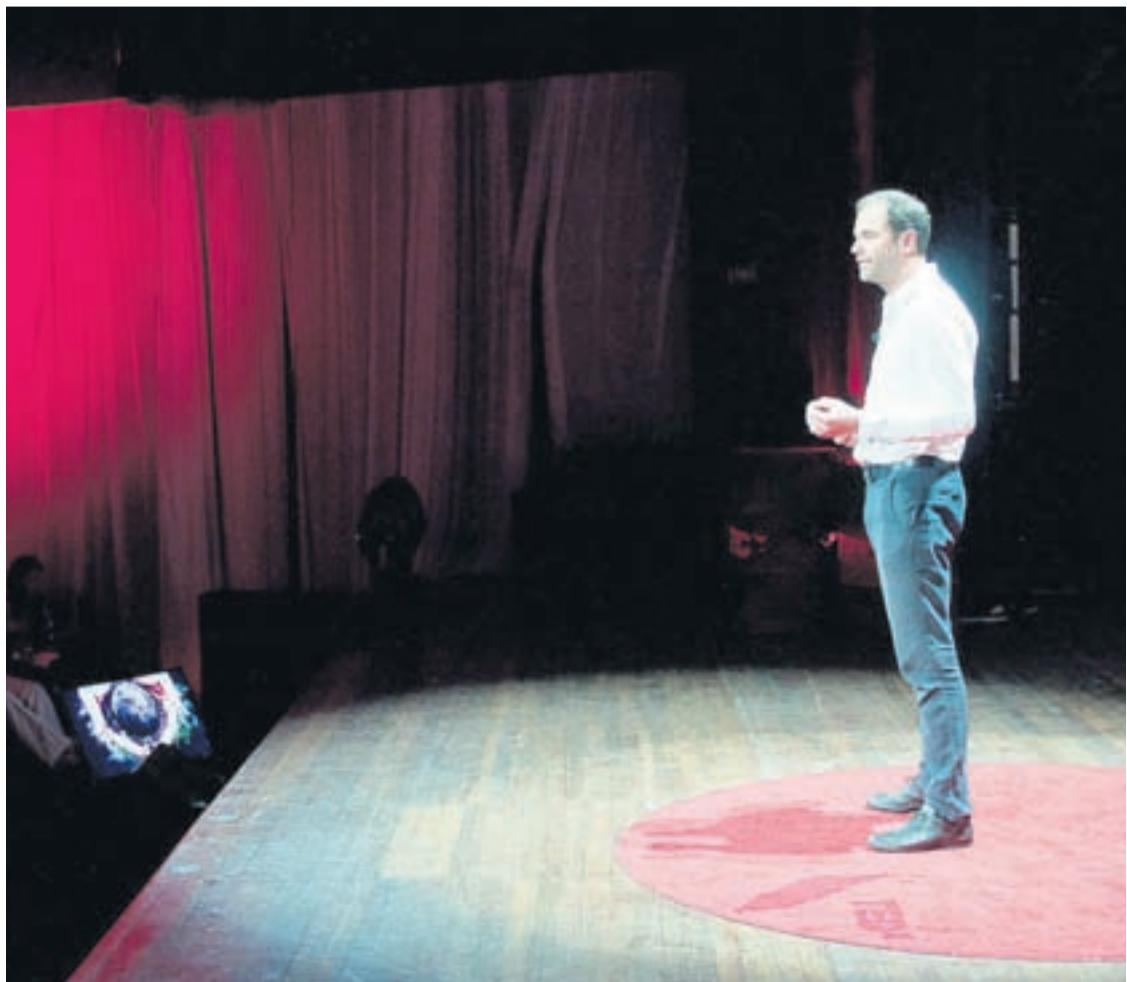
At TEDx Aruba:

Bridging the Future with Technology with Deloitte's Roel van Rijsewijk

ORANJESTAD - A very well received presentation in the recent TEDx Aruba event held at the Cas Di Cultura was that of storyteller Roel Rijsewijk, of Deloitte Netherlands, tackling the connection between sustainability and profitability. Roel described a hyper-connected future, to his audience, with free flowing information and exponentially developing technologies, an era where the rate of change is staggering, and the future uncertain with environmentalists predicting lack of food and water, and warning us to safeguard our resources. And this is precisely why according to the Deloitte specialist, sustainability is so closely linked with profitability, as he believes that the smart use of technol-

ogy would lead to abundance, when we let go of fear, and driven by compelling purpose, attract talented pioneers who even if they make mistakes, recover at a high level, learn from the past, and innovate to create real sustainable wealth. According to van Rijsewijk we can save the planet and make money doing so!

Roel van Rijsewijk leads Deloitte's Cyber Risk Services practice in the Netherlands. With more than 12 years' experience in risk consulting, he works for technology-enabled businesses in the field of risk management, compliance, integrity, and corporate responsibility, and is leading one of Deloitte's main innovation programs on trust in a digital world. □



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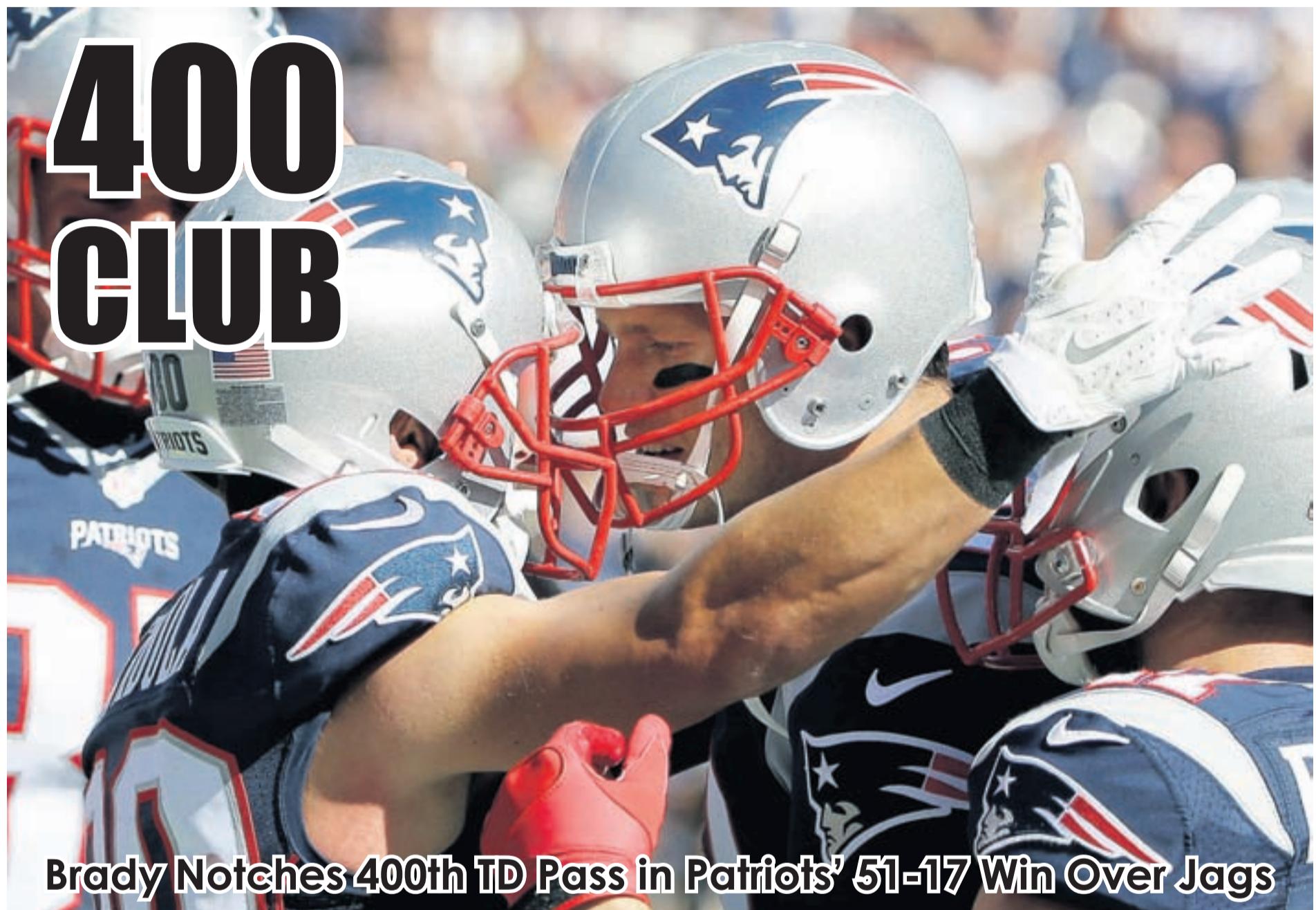
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Brady Notches 400th TD Pass in Patriots' 51-17 Win Over Jags

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady celebrates his touchdown pass to wide receiver Danny Amendola, left, the 400th touchdown pass of Brady's NFL career, in the first half of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots beat the Jaguars 51-17.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)

-- Tom Brady and Stephen Gostkowski picked up some more milestones. The New

England Patriots picked up another lopsided win.

Brady threw for two touchdowns, including the 400th of his career, to help the defending Super Bowl

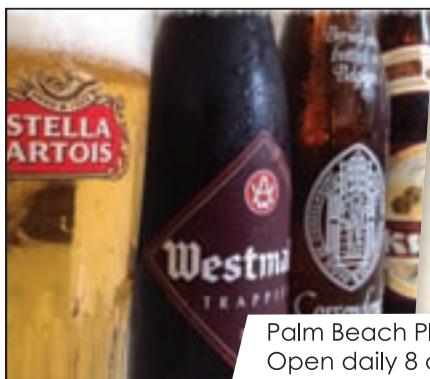
champions run away from the Jacksonville Jaguars for a 51-17 victory on Sunday. LeGarrette Blount had three 1-yard touchdown runs, and Gostkowski deliv-

ered the extra point on all six New England TDs to run his streak to an NFL record 425 in a row.

"That takes a lot of games, a lot of snaps to do that.

That's certainly a tribute to both of them, the durability, longevity, consistent production they've had," coach Bill Belichick said.

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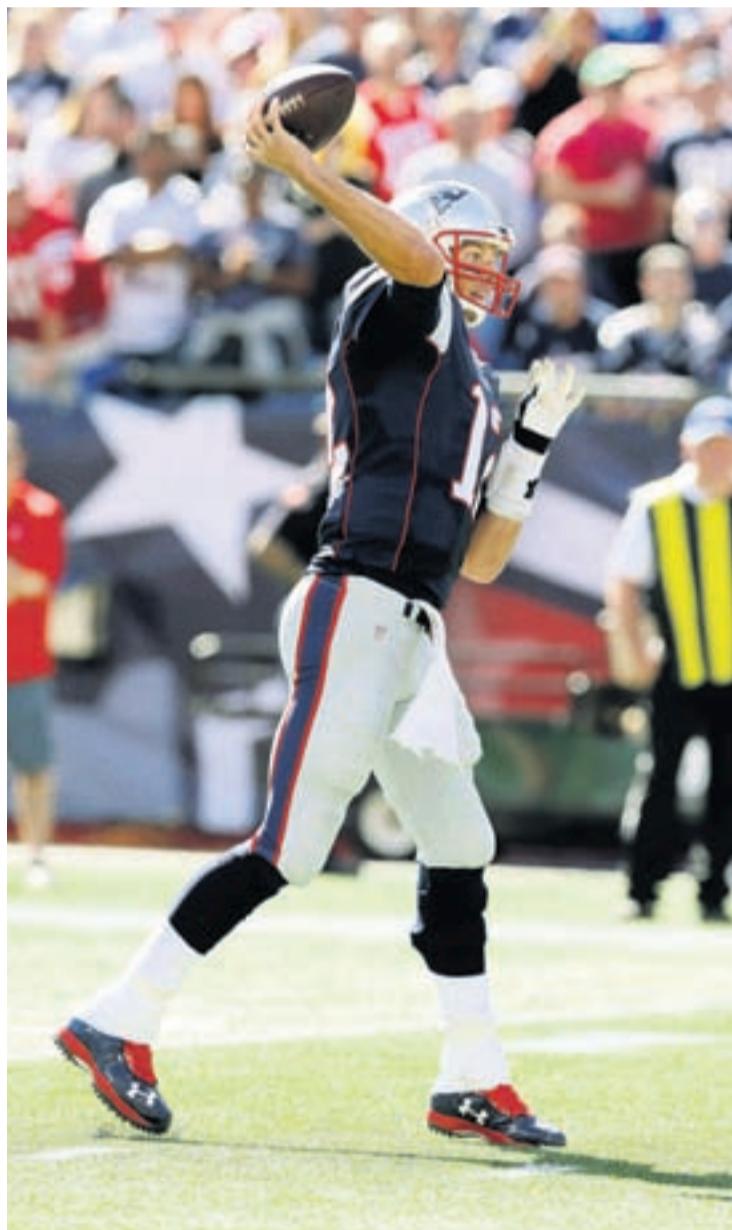
"They had a good day, as they've had in many, many days throughout their career. I feel really fortunate to have those guys on my team."

After a summer dominated by talk of deflated footballs, the Patriots (3-0) opened with victories over Pittsburgh and Buffalo and then proved they weren't looking past the overmatched Jaguars (1-2). Brady became the fourth quarterback in NFL history to throw for 400 touchdowns, and he added his 401st, a 13-yard pass to Keshawn Martin late in the third quarter.

By that time, it was 37-10, fans were trying to beat traffic on Route 1, and the Patriots were heading into their bye week with a perfect record.

And when it was over, Brady had completed 33 of 42 passes for 358 yards while leading New England to scores on all nine of his drives. (Backup Jimmy Garoppolo came in to kneel down and run out the clock on the final possession.)

"I don't care whether we throw it in or run it in," Brady said. "As long as



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws a touchdown pass to wide receiver Danny Amendola, the 400th of Brady's NFL career, in the first half of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots beat the Jaguars 51-17.

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Rob Gronkowski caught four passes for 101 yards for the Patriots. Blount ran for 78 yards. Julian Edelman caught eight passes for 85 yards. Gostkowski, who has led the NFL in points for each of the past three seasons, added three field goals.

It was the most points ever allowed by the Jaguars (1-2), who had two injured defensive backs inactive for the game and lost three more during it.

By the end, cornerback Peyton Thompson - who wasn't drafted out of college and has been cut six times in two seasons - was playing safety. Nick Marshall, an undrafted rookie who played quarterback at Auburn, was at cornerback.

"It's the hardest thing to do. We only had three safeties that were active and two of them got hurt. That means a corner is going to play safety," cornerback Davon House said. "You are going to play safety and you ain't never even practiced that position? That's tough man."

Blake Bortles finished 17 for 33 for 242 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception. Allen Robinson had nine catches for

68 yards, but the Jaguars gained just 57 yards on 20 running plays.

Jacksonville was also flagged seven times for 114 yards, including back-to-back pass interference penalties in the third quarter. The first cost the Jaguars 52 yards; the second negated an interception and 82-yard return, instead putting the Patriots on the Jacksonville 1.

Blount punched it in from there to make it 30-3.

The biggest highlight for Jacksonville was a 59-yard catch and run from Bortles to Allen Hurns that made it 30-10 midway through the third quarter. Jacksonville's other touchdown came on a 6-yard pass from Bortles to Clay Harbor.

"Obviously, we are playing against an elite football team and the best quarterback in the league," Jaguars linebacker Paul Posluszny said. "But we also made a ton of mistakes on our own."

Brady completed a 1-yard TD pass to Danny Amendola in the second quarter for No. 400, joining Peyton Manning, Brett Favre and Dan Marino in the 400-touchdown club. Amendola gave the ball to a fan in the front row, but a ballboy retrieved it.

Asked if Brady was upset that Amendola didn't take better care of the loot, Brady laughed.

"I don't care," said Brady, who has an NFL MVP trophy, three for the Super Bowl MVP and four NFL championship rings in his memorabilia collection.

"Danny can do whatever he wants." □





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Severino leads Yankees to win over White Sox, 6-1



New York Yankees' Luis Severino delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, in New York. The Yankees beat the White Sox 6-1.

(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

By HOWIE RUMBERG
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Dustin Ackley was a surprise trade-deadline acquisition by New York, arriving in a season-long slump with few credentials to support the early hype of a No. 2 overall draft pick. Then he got hurt.

Three weeks back from a stint on the disabled list, Ackley has hit his way into the conversation for a spot on the Yankees' playoff roster, especially with an ailing Stephen Drew unavailable down the stretch.

Ackley homered in the sixth to spark New York's late-waking offense Sunday and back Luis Severino's six

Yankee Stadium over 3 million for the 17th straight year (3,036,446) with four home dates left. New York went 3 for 19 with runners in scoring position, leaving the Bronx ballpark without much late-season buzz. With the Yankees revealing Drew has been sidelined about 10 days because of dizziness and a bad cold, Ackley could play a big role into the postseason.

"Whatever happens,

happens with that. I didn't come over here and expect to be handed at-bats or anything like that," Ackley said. "I think I definitely earned them as far as getting pinch hits and making some spot starts for some guys that needed days off ... Just going to keep getting ready every day and hop for more at-bats."

Drew has said there has been a little improvement

and he is available, but said to play wouldn't "be fair to him or to the" team. A top selection by the Seattle Mariners in 2009, Ackley never met the lofty expectations, batting .243 with 42 homers and 201 RBIs in five seasons. He was hitting just .215 in 85 games when the Yankees acquired him, mostly because he added versatility on the field and another left-handed bat. □

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Jordan Spieth wins Tour Championship to cap off big season

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — At age 22, Jordan Spieth became the first \$22 million man in golf Sunday.

Spieth capped off a dream season when he poured in putts from all over East Lake and closed with a 1-under 69 for a four-shot victory in the Tour Championship. That was all he needed to become the youngest player to capture the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million bonus.

His fifth victory of the year, including two majors, was worth \$1,485,000 and allowed the Texan to set a PGA Tour record with \$12,030,465. And if that wasn't enough, Spieth went back to No. 1 in the world.

His battle with Henrik Stenson long over, Spieth finished it off in fitting fashion. He made an 8-foot par putt that was never going anywhere but right in the heart.

"This is one I cannot wait to celebrate," Spieth said.

The first person to greet him was his little sister, Ellie, who keeps him so grounded. His



Jordan Spieth hits from the tee on the second hole in the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, in Atlanta.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

parents, girlfriend, grandfather and high school friends from Dallas were at East Lake to watch another amazing performance in a year filled with them. Stenson couldn't do much about it. On two holes around the

turn with the Swede in tight for a certain birdie, Spieth matched him with a 20-foot birdie on the par-5 ninth and a 45-foot birdie on the par-3 11th. At that point, Stenson just stared at Spieth with a wry smile and patted him on the back.

"It's been a phenomenal year for him," Stenson said after a 72 to tie for second. "I watched it firsthand at the first two rounds at Augusta, and he played phenomenal and putted phenomenal. And it was the same putting display,

really, today — just an exhibition on the greens, to be honest.

"His putting and mental focus is the best in the world. It's hard to argue that."

And there's no longer an argument for PGA Tour player of the year.

Jason Day had five victories, including his first major at the PGA Championship, and there was talk a sixth win and the FedEx Cup might put the Australian in the discussion. Not anymore. Spieth won the Masters and U.S. Open, missed a playoff by one shot at the British Open in his spirited run for the Grand Slam and was runner-up at the PGA. Along with winning the money list, Spieth won the Vardon Trophy for the lowest adjusted scoring average.

Stenson made a \$1 million putt of his own, though it was the least he could do. He was three shots behind when he shanked his shot from the 17th fairway and made double bogey. That dropped him into a four-way tie for fourth and moved him to No. 3 in the FedEx Cup. But he bounced back with a 60-foot birdie putt on the last hole to tie for second and finish No. 2 in the FedEx

Cup for a \$3 million bonus (instead of \$2 million).

Danny Lee (65) and Justin Rose (66) joined Stenson in second place. For Stenson, it was his third runner-up finish in the FedEx Cup play-offs, and his fifth runner-up finish this year without a victory. He still has more events left on the European Tour. □

Jaidee of Thailand wins European Open by 1 shot

BAD GRIESBACH, Germany (AP) — Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand shot a bogey-free 67 to win the European Open by one shot on Sunday.

Jaidee, the overnight leader, had four birdies to add to his rounds of 68, 68 and 64 for a 17-under 267 on the Bad Griesbach course in southeastern Germany.

"It is the third time I have won outside of Asia, so I'm very excited about that," Jaidee said after claiming his seventh European Tour title. "I didn't make many mistakes this week — only one bogey all week. I played very nicely and 17 under is some score for me." The 45-year-old Jaidee became the oldest

player to win the European Open since Colin Montgomerie in 2007 at age 44. Graeme Storm of England had five birdies in his round of 67 to finish second with a 16-under score of 268. Pelle Edberg of Sweden was third at 14 under after a mixed round of 69 with four bogeys and six birdies. Veteran golfer Bernhard

Langer carded a 69 to finish as the highest placed German at 8 under.

"I hit some of the best shots I have ever hit," the 58-year-old Langer said. "I just couldn't make the putts ... Putting is a big part of the game, but my putter was ice cold this week."

Langer won the European Open in 1985 and 1995. □



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Matt Kenseth wins 2nd race of NASCAR's playoffs

DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Matt Kenseth pushed Kevin Harvick down the stretch and took the lead for good when the defending series

will be cut to 12 after Dover.

"We had to be there to win it," Kenseth said. "I was giving Kevin everything I had. I thought he had us beat. He had the better car."

one of the biggest must-win races of his career.

He wasn't the only Chase driver whose championship hopes are on the rocks. Busch was the first Chase driver to suffer serious dam-

Keselowski said.

Carl Edwards, the polesitter, was black flagged for running over equipment

on pit road. Johnson cut a left front tire with 100 laps left and plummeted from third to 30th. □



Matt Kenseth (20) takes the lead on a restart during the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, in Loudon, N.H. Kenseth won the race.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

champion ran out of gas Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in the second race of the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship.

Kenseth advanced to the second round of NASCAR's playoffs and gave Joe Gibbs Racing its fourth straight win.

Harvick had the dominant car and led the most laps but a gamble to stretch his fuel to the end backfired and he faded to 21st. He finished 42nd last week in the Chase opener and will surely have to win next week at Dover to advance to the second round.

JGR continued to prove it will be the organization to beat in the Chase. Denny Hamlin, the winner last week at Chicagoland, was second for JGR. Chase drivers took eight of the top 10 spots.

The 16-driver Chase field

Kyle Busch, Paul Menard, Harvick and Clint Bowyer are the final four drivers on the brink of elimination. They would advance with a victory, but Jimmie Johnson stands in their way at Dover, where he has a track-record 10 victories.

"Dover is a good track for us, a victory would be a good shot in the arm for us," Johnson said. Kenseth won for the fifth time this season and stalked Harvick over the final tense laps that ended when the No. 4 Chevrolet had nothing left in the tank. Harvick was knocked out of the race last week when he connected with Johnson and blew a tire. He later got into an altercation with Johnson in the motorhome lot and shoved the Hendrick Motorsports driver.

Harvick led 216 of 300 laps and heads to Dover with

age when his right front tire blew and he hit the wall. Busch, who the July race in New Hampshire, took the No. 18 straight to the garage.

"It's killed," he said over the radio.

Fourth in the standings entering the race, Busch dropped to 13th in points after he finished 37th.

With every point so valuable, his JGR crew hurried to repair the Toyota and he returned to the race more than 30 laps behind the leader.

Brad Keselowski took a big points hit as well, black flagged late in the race after a review showed he jumped the restart while racing for the lead. He stayed on the lead lap but sunk to 25th after the penalty. He rebounded to finish 12th.

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Winning run ends at 5 for Inter Milan



Inter Milan's Alex Telles, right, challenges for the ball with Fiorentina's Facundo Roncaglia during the Serie A soccer match between Inter Milan and Fiorentina at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

LONDON (AP)—Everything had been going right for Inter Milan, with five consecutive victories, just one goal conceded and the undisputed top slot in Serie A.

Until Sunday, that is.

Then it all unraveled in front of a disbelieving home crowd at San Siro as Inter conceded three goals before the first 25 minutes were up, and went on to lose 4-1 to Fiorentina.

The Florence club now leads the standings for the first time since 1999.

Paris Saint-Germain finished the weekend four points clear in France after second-placed Saint-Etienne met with the same fate as Inter, losing 4-1 at home to Nice on Sunday. In Spain, Deportivo La Coruna kept pace with league leaders Villarreal by beating Espanyol 3-0, with the country's five Champions League contenders having played on Saturday.

Borussia Dortmund conceded a last-minute equalizer to draw 2-2 with

Darmstadt and now trails Bundesliga leader Bayern Munich — its next opponent in the league — by four points.

In the day's only match of the English Premier League, Crystal Palace continued its promising start to the season by beating Watford 1-0 away to move up to sixth in the standings.

Yohan Cabaye converted a second-half penalty for Palace after substitute striker Wilfried Zaha was brought down just inside the area. Here is a look at Europe's major leagues:

ITALY

Inter Milan's perfect record this season was left in tatters after Fiorentina triumphed 4-1 at San Siro to move top of Serie A.

Nikola Kalinic scored a hat trick and also won a penalty which Josip Ilicic converted for the fourth-minute opener. Mauro Icardi netted a consolation goal for 10-man Inter on the hour mark.

Inter and Fiorentina both have 15 points, two more

than Torino after it held on for a 2-1 win over Palermo despite ending the match with nine men. Sassuolo, which drew 1-1 against Chievo Verona, is a point further back. Lazio also has 12 points after the capital side came from behind with 10 men to win 2-1 at Hellas Verona for the first time in 24 years. Udinese also came from behind to win by the same scoreline at Bologna, ending a four-match losing streak, while 10-man AC Milan lost 1-0 at Genoa.

SPAIN

Striker Lucas Perez scored a goal in each half to help Deportivo La Coruna defeat Espanyol 3-0 and move closer to the leaders in the Spanish league.

Deportivo went ahead with an own goal by Espanyol defender Alvaro Gonzalez in the 14th minute, and Perez made it 2-0 after a fast breakaway in the 27th and added a third from inside the area in the 49th. Also Sunday, Real Betis came from behind to earn a 2-1 win at Sporting Gijon, Getafe defeated Levante 3-0 at home and Real Sociedad drew 0-0 with Athletic Bilbao in the Basque derby.

FRANCE

Saint-Etienne missed the chance to close the gap on French league leader Paris Saint-Germain as it fell to a surprise 4-1 defeat at home to a Nice side which ended the match with nine men. Hatem Ben Arfa scored two stunning goals for Nice after Saint-Etienne defender Loic Perrin had cancelled out Vincent Koziello's fifth-minute opener. □

Scotland powers to top US 39-16 at Rugby World Cup

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AP Sports Writer

LEEDS, England (AP)—The Scots are saving their best for the second half at this Rugby World Cup. For the second straight game, Scotland was in a sticky predicament at halftime but recovered to score five tries for a bonus-point win in Pool B. This time it was the United States that was dispatched, 39-16, in Leeds on Sunday.

"It was a banana skin that we dodged today," Scotland coach Vern Cotter said.

Using a swarming defense and a strong scrum, the Eagles were on course for only their fourth — and easily most stunning — World Cup win after taking a 13-6 lead at halftime on prop Titi Lamositele's try.

After a four-day turnaround from the 45-10 win over Japan, Scotland was being pushed around up front, its passing was off and its discipline poor.

Not so in the second half.

Just like the Japan game, there was an immediate cutting edge to Scotland's play as wingers Tim Visser and Sean Maitland, hooker WP Nel, and center Matt Scott scored tries in a 23-minute spell to clinch the bonus point by the 65th. Duncan Weir crossed for the fifth try on virtually the last play of the game as the Americans faded.

"Something that comes into play is a lot of these guys playing don't have the grind of a professional season, playing week in, week out," U.S. coach Mike Tolkin said. "For some of our guys, it's a real challenge and it's something we have to overcome."

That will take years, not weeks. So the Eagles are starting at no wins at a World Cup for the fourth time in seven editions. They now have a 10-day break before playing a rejuvenated South Africa at the Olympic Stadium. By then, Scotland — sitting top of the pool with a maximum 10 points — may have sealed its spot in the quarterfinals, but that will require a victory over the Springboks in six days. There are fitness concerns over lock Grant Gilchrist and flyhalf Finn Russell, who went off injured against the Americans.

Given the relatively short journey south from Scotland, it was like a home game for Cotter's side. The sound of kilted bagpipers before kickoff would have made the Scots feel even more at home.

But by halftime, it was the small pockets of American fans, waving U.S. flags and chanting "U-S-A, U-S-A," who could be heard more with another Pool B shock possible following Japan's stunning win over the Springboks on the opening weekend.

The Eagles' physicality in defense — something Cotter warned of pre-match — was too much for Scotland in the first half, as was their reading of predictable backline plays. There were gasps all around Elland Road at U.S. winger Takudzwa Ngwenya's huge hit on Peter Horne near the end of the first half. □



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Modi touts social media, tech development in Facebook visit

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP)

— Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi touted the power of social media and his own goals for developing India's tech economy on Sunday, speaking to a global audience from a "town hall" meeting at the headquarters of the world's largest social network.

Modi also vowed to improve education for girls and "bring more women into decision-making" in his country, while responding to a handful of questions during a carefully orchestrated session led by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

"The strength of social media today is that it can tell governments where they are wrong and can stop them from moving in the wrong direction," Modi said, in remarks translated from Hindi by an interpreter.

"We used to have elections every five years and now we can have them every five minutes," added Modi, who is known for using both Facebook and Twitter to communicate

with millions of followers.

Sunday's hour-long session came during a whirlwind tour of Silicon Valley that included two days of meetings with the CEOs of

"Indian community reception" at a San Jose sports arena.

Modi received a warm welcome from about 1,200 people at the morn-

na Jain, reacting to Modi's comments. Like many young Indian tech workers in the audience, Jain said she liked Modi's goals for increasing Internet con-

entrepreneurs would applaud. He said he's working to reduce government regulation of business and crisscross the country with fiber optic networks.

But he also scored a human note, becoming emotional while describing his impoverished childhood and his mother's efforts to support his family by doing menial work. "In India, there are hundreds of thousands of mothers like that," he added.

Modi's visit to California is the first by an Indian head of state since Indira Gandhi came to Los Angeles in 1982, and it's been a rallying event for many of the tens of thousands of Indian immigrants who work in Silicon Valley.

"We're pretty hopeful about how the country has progressed under him," said Ankur Sadhoo, a young Facebook engineer who brought his wife to the event.

Modi's fans say they admire his ambitions for "Digital India," a broad program of technological and economic development, and his promise to end government corruption and inefficiency. □



Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, left, speaks next to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg at Facebook in Menlo Park, Calif., Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015. A rare visit by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi this weekend has captivated his extensive fan club in the area and commanded the attention of major U.S. technology companies eager to extend their reach into a promising overseas market. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

Apple, Google and other leading tech companies, along with local political leaders and an estimated 18,000 people who were expected to attend an

ing session, which was also streamed live on Facebook.

"We are software engineers. This is music to our ears," said 23-year-old Ash-

nectivity and building a tech economy because she hopes to return home to work in India one day. Modi in fact struck several notes that many tech

stream 2-D content as well as an original virtual reality short film called "The Big One," from YouTube star Freddie Wong's RocketJump production company. A Hulu launch date wasn't announced. Meanwhile, Oculus said it would begin a certification program so consumers can look for a sticker that will identify which computers support its Oculus Rift headset, which is due to come out early next year. □

Oculus takes aim at mainstream with inexpensive gear, video

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LOS ANGELES (AP)

Virtual reality is taking a few steps closer to the mainstream with Samsung unveiling a headset that brings the technology to its latest smartphones at half the price of its previous model, Facebook launching support for 360-degree video, and online video services like Netflix and Hulu jumping into the format. The announcements at

a developers conference in Los Angeles for virtual reality technology company Oculus represent attempts to push the platform beyond a video-gamer-focused niche.

Facebook Inc. CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who cut a deal to buy Oculus for \$2 billion last year, told some 1,500 conference attendees last week that virtual reality is "the next logical step" in online sharing after text, photos and video. "In just a few years, VR has

gone from being this science fiction dream to an awesome reality," he said. "And now we all here have a chance to change the way we play, communicate and collaborate." Zuckerberg showed off a promo for the upcoming "Star Wars" movie showing a speeding vehicle zooming over the desert landscape of fictional planet Jakku. Users can look around in any direction using their mouse as the video is playing.

Samsung said its new virtual reality headset will be 22 percent lighter and cost \$99, half the price of its previous model. The Gear VR, which requires users to insert the latest version of a Samsung smartphone into the headset, will ship in November.

Netflix content is available to be viewed in Oculus or Samsung headsets starting Thursday, while Hulu said it would also bring its app to the Oculus platform where users can

Wall Street Watch:

As turbulence shakes markets, experts suggest sitting tight

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Whenever disaster strikes people run for safety. They race outside when a house catches fire and head to the basement when a tornado tears through town.

And when the stock market takes a sudden fall, they sell stocks and hide the money in cash.

That's the move plenty of people have made since markets went wild this summer, and the ongoing turbulence has tested average investors' ability to stick with their financial plans. It's a natural response to flee in the face of danger, except that when it comes to investing, it's usually the wrong one.

"The only person who gets injured on the roller coaster is the person who tries to jump off in the middle of the ride," said Rob Austin, director of retirement research at Aon Hewitt, a human-resources consulting firm. When worries about the global economy started shaking Wall Street last month, organizations that track the actions of average investors spotted a surge of money flowing out of the market and into cash. Average investors pulled a net \$9.8 billion out of mutual funds targeting U.S. stocks and put \$9 bil-



Specialist Michael O'Mara works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York. As stocks swung wildly last month, average investors pulled a net \$9.8 billion out of mutual funds targeting U.S. stocks and put \$9 billion in the money market during the week ending Aug. 26, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade group. The next week, the market rebounded and they reversed course, sticking \$1.8 billion into U.S. funds.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

lion in the money market during the week ending August 26, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade group. This month, some of them seem to be taking their cues from the market's weekly swings — money creeps into U.S. funds one week and gets pulled the next.

At the height of the tumult, Aon Hewitt noticed more workers were shuffling investments in their 401(k) plans. On August 24, ma-

jor stock indexes suffered their worst day in four years and "trading activity went through the roof," Austin said. The number of trades jumped to seven times the daily average, as a rush of accountholders sold stocks and tucked more money in cash. Two popular brokerages, Charles Schwab and E-Trade Financial, said trading in individual accounts set records that day. Phones started ringing at financial-planning firms as

clients called for help. Larry Ganzell, a 70-year old retiree in Carlsbad, California, was following the market's 4 percent plunge on cable business news while on the phone with friends, many of them also retired and living on a fixed income. He noticed a creeping sense of panic.

"We know there are ups and downs in the market," Ganzell said, "but when you get to be our age, the downs have a tendency to

be bit more scary."

Ganzell called his financial planning firm, Blankinship & Foster, and talked to a few of the firm's advisers. Rick Brooks, the chief investment officer, helped settle his nerves. Brooks's advice: Turn off the TV and stick to your long-term plan.

"The few folks who called in a panic told us that their friends were panicking," Brooks said. "It's understandable if you were watching news shows telling you the sky was falling." Financial planners frequently warn their clients against reacting to news reports and market swings.

Fran Kinniry, a principal in Vanguard's investment strategy group, said that people are susceptible to thinking that a sudden turn in the market implies something about the long-term.

The turbulence that has knocked the S&P 500 down nearly 8 percent since May comes with the territory. It's the risk that comes with the reward.

A wild move in the market one week "is not like seeing a unicorn," Kinniry said. "Stocks are volatile. But you're not investing for one day or one week, you're investing for 10 or 20 years."

The urge to act when it seems your 401(k) balance has sprung a leak is often hard to resist. □

US home sales slide in August after 3 months of solid gains

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home sales slid in August by the most since January as tight supplies and rising prices discouraged potential buyers.

The National Association of Realtors said last week that sales of existing homes fell 4.8 percent from the previous month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.31 million, the lowest level since April.

That's down from 5.58 million in July, which was the highest in more than eight years.

Solid job growth and low mortgage rates have boosted sales 6.2 percent

in the past year. But the median home price has increased 4.7 percent during that time, more than double the increase in average hourly pay. That is likely pushing more homes out of reach for many buyers.

Sales will likely remain flat for much of the rest of the year, according to the Realtors' group and some private economists. The NAR forecasts sales will be 5.3 million this year, the most since the recession.

There were signs of fundamental improvement in the housing market. First-time homebuyers, a critical source of demand, made up 32 percent of sales last month, up from 28 percent

in July. That is still below historical averages of nearly 40 percent. And foreclosures and short sales — where the seller owes more than the house is worth — fell to the lowest level in nearly seven years.

"Given stronger job growth, and low rates that are going to be sticking around for at least a little while longer, the U.S. housing market is still in good shape," Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Still, Americans looking to purchase a home also have fewer to choose from: The number of available homes has fallen 1.7 percent in the past 12 months to just 2.29 million. That is equivalent to

5.2 months of supply at the current sales pace, below the six months that is typical of a balanced market.

The competition among buyers also pushes prices higher.

Sales fell in the South and West, areas with the steepest price appreciation. Sales were unchanged in the Northeast, where price gains were smallest. They slipped in the Midwest.

Home sales may remain steady in the coming months because Federal Reserve policymakers last Thursday decided against raising the short-term interest rate they control. The Fed has held its benchmark rate at nearly zero since

December 2008 in an effort to spur more borrowing and spending.

That has kept mortgage rates quite low for most of the six years since the recession. The rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage averaged just 3.9 percent nationwide last week, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. Home sales had plunged to an annual rate of just 4 million when the Fed pegged its rate to zero.

Still, it's not clear that a rate hike by the Fed — which may come at its next meetings in either October or December — will have that great an impact on sales, at least in the short run. □

Nasdaq center aims to build relationships with startups

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nasdaq has long been known as the "tech-heavy" stock exchange, where some of Silicon Valley's best-known companies have gone to sell shares. Now, as it faces stiff competition from rival exchanges to lure the next hot IPO, it's reaching out to business startups before they go public.

New York-based Nasdaq, through an affiliated foundation, is opening what it calls an "Entrepreneurial Center" Thursday in a trendy commercial district south of San Francisco's Market Street. It's promising business training, mentoring and networking opportunities for early stage startup founders — maybe even the next Mark Zuckerberg or Larry Page.

"We want to support amazing entrepreneurs, who may be starting a company today or their next three companies down the line, who will remember the things they were taught as part of the Nasdaq community," said Nicola Corzine, a veteran startup investor who will operate the center as its executive director. Nasdaq executives say they have a long tradition of working with young companies, and the new center is open to entrepreneurs in other sectors besides tech. Still, it's no coincidence the center's in a region rife with new tech startups. Facebook, Google and Apple are all traded on Nasdaq.

The move comes as Nasdaq's chief rival, the New York Stock Exchange, has increased its outreach to the tech sector in recent years and has lured some high-profile startups like Twitter, which held its initial public offering on the NYSE in 2013. Twitter's decision to list on the NYSE came after Facebook's debut on Nasdaq in May 2012 was marred by technical glitches that tarnished the exchange's reputation.

"Your competitor always wants to make advances in your area of strength, and we also make advances in areas that may not have been our strength 10 years ago," said Bruce Aust, a vice chairman at Nasdaq who is also president of the new center. As an example, he said Nasdaq is now home to a number of airlines that might have chosen the NYSE in the past. "Nasdaq is all about growth companies," Aust said, while downplaying concerns about the rival exchange. "So we feel pretty good about our position." Silicon Valley is home to a number of tech "incubators" and other programs that support new startups, sometimes in exchange for equity. Aust said the new center will work with those programs while offering unique opportunities of its own, such as mentorships or informal classes taught by executives at successful Nasdaq companies. Silicon Valley law firm Wilson Sonsini, which advises a number of tech companies, is one of several sponsors.

There's no charge for entrepreneurs to participate, but they'll be screened for at least two references from advisers, fellow entrepreneurs or even university professors, Corzine said. Programs are also open to students or recent graduates with ideas for a new business.

The new center fills 13,000 square feet of remodeled space that includes meeting areas, a media training studio where founders can develop videos to promote their companies, and a coffee shop for casual networking.

In recent years, some high-profile tech startups like Uber, Airbnb and Snapchat have delayed going public and opted to continue raising money from venture capitalists and other private sources. □

China: Weakened but still growing

JOE McDONALD

AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — President Xi Jinping is visiting the United States as leader of a China whose image of economic success has taken a beating.

Stock market turmoil and a surprise currency devaluation fueled fears of a Chinese slump with global repercussions. But even a weaker China still is on track to turn in some of the world's strongest growth this year. And some industries including retailing are expanding at double-digit rates.

China's 5-year-old slowdown is self-imposed as the ruling Communist Party tries to steer the world's second-largest economy to more self-sustaining growth based on domestic consumption. Steel and construction suffered as the party put the brakes on an investment boom, but as job creators they already have been supplanted by e-commerce, tourism and other service industries.

"Those touting China's sudden fragility are either exaggerating current problems or have entirely missed the slowdown of the past several years," said China Beige Book, a U.S. research firm, in a report this week. It said China's image might be "more thoroughly divorced from facts on the ground" than at any time since it began conducting surveys of the country's economy five years ago. Xi started his U.S. visit Tuesday with a stop in Seattle to meet business leaders and visit Boeing Co. and Microsoft Corp. On Thursday, he goes to Washington to meet President Barack Obama.

This year, Beijing is expected to report growth of 6.5 percent to 7 percent. That is down from last year's 7.3 percent but more than double the 3.1 percent forecast for the U.S. by the International Monetary Fund. Only India is expected to grow faster at 7.5 percent.

The slowdown came as no surprise: Economists warned nearly a decade

ago the model based on trade and investment that delivered three decades of growth had run out of steam. Communist leaders told the public to prepare for wrenching change. A falling growth rate also is a symptom of China's success. Its economy passed

Business at Tiantian Express, a delivery company in the eastern city of Qingdao, has tripled over the past year, according to its operations manager, Sun Qiang. He said its workforce doubled in size to 150.

"There is still big room for



A Chinese couple chat as a model poses next to a Mercedes-Benz AMG GT S model on display during a promotional event at a shopping mall in Beijing Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015. Stock market turmoil and a surprise currency devaluation fueled fears of a Chinese slump with global repercussions. But even a weaker China still is on track to turn in some of the world's strongest growth this year.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Japan's in size in 2009 and since then has added another 1 ½ Japans to its output. That means China needs to generate twice as much additional economic activity to keep growing at the same percentage rate.

Some forecasters suggest Beijing overstates growth and the true rate might be as low as 5 percent. Even at that level, China will add almost one Indonesia to its economy this year.

Weakness in shipbuilding, construction and heavy industry are signs of progress in Beijing's campaign to transform a nation of farmers and factory workers into a consumer-driven economy and creator of technology.

E-commerce, restaurants and other services for China's own consumers accounted for 41.7 percent of employment in the latest quarter, well ahead of manufacturing's 34.7 percent, according to government data.

Retail sales grew by 10.4 percent in August. E-commerce grew at twice that rate, generating new jobs in logistics and delivery services.

growth," said Sun.

Faith in China's ability to surge ahead while the rest of the world struggled was shaken by the collapse of a stock price bubble. Yet the economic meltdown many feared never materialized.

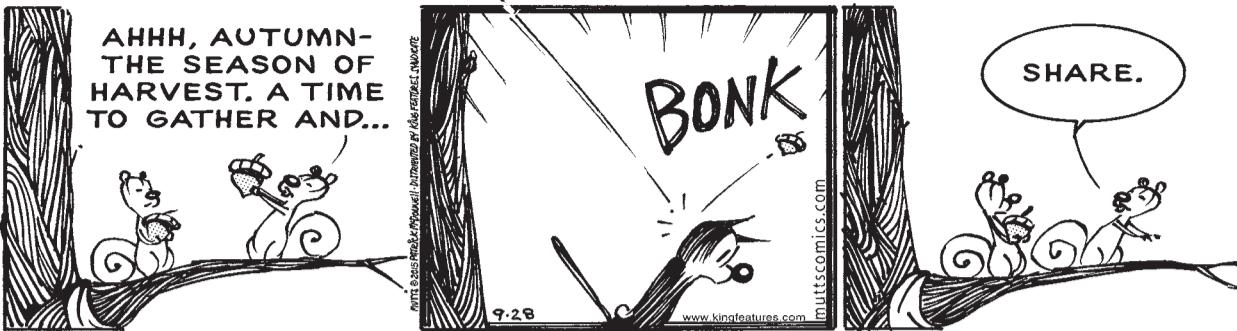
That was due to the fact that, unlike stock markets in the United States or Europe, China's has few links to what communist leaders call "the real economy." The biggest publicly traded companies are state-owned, so traders make decisions based on official policy and availability of credit.

Only about 7 percent of Chinese households own stocks, which is a fraction of levels in the United States, Europe or Japan, so losses had little impact on consumer spending.

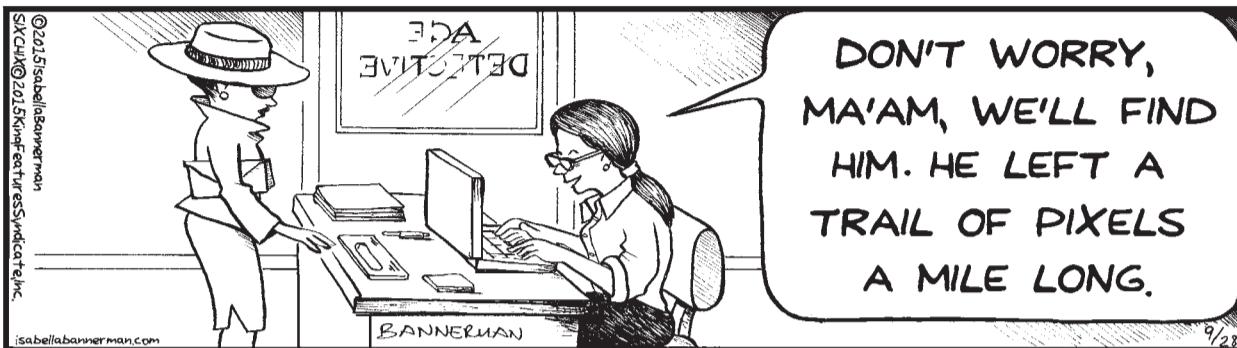
After its plunge, the Shanghai Composite Index still is up 42 percent from one year ago, underpinned by a multibillion dollar government intervention to support prices. The Standard & Poor's 500 index of U.S. stocks is down 4.4 percent. Exports are far weaker than expected, raising the risk of job losses and unrest. □

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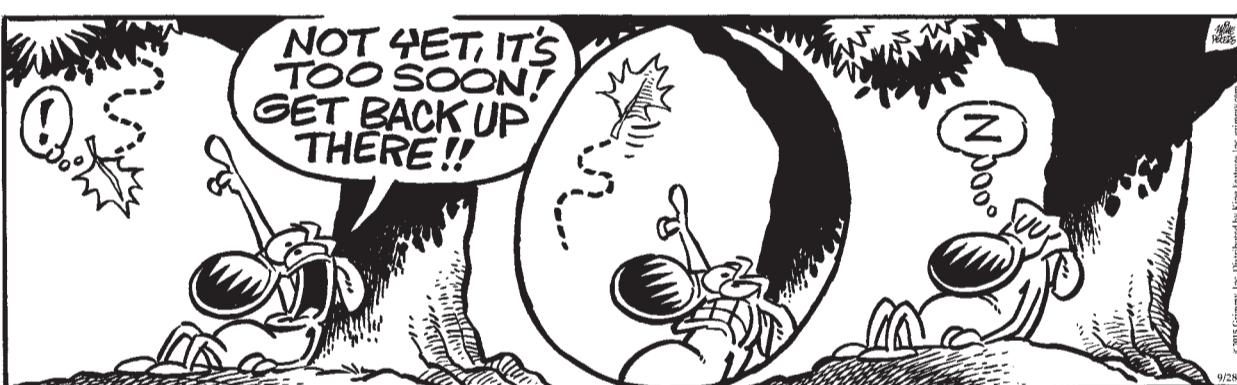
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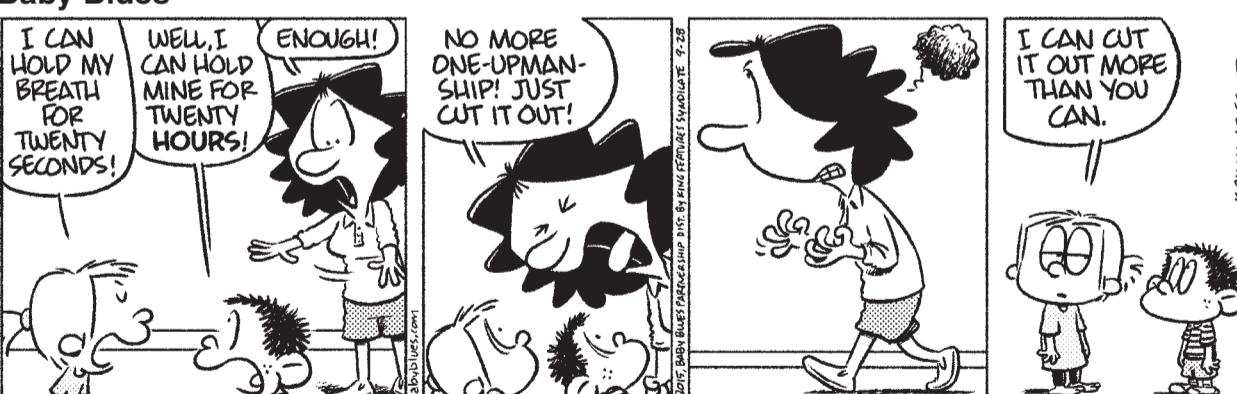
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer	5	9	1	6	4	8	7	3	2
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A crossword puzzle grid with numbered entries. The grid is 13 columns wide and 18 rows high. The numbered entries are: 1 (2), 2 (3), 3 (4), 5 (6), 6 (7), 7 (8), 8 (9), 10 (11), 11 (12), 12 (13), 14 (15), 15 (16), 16 (17), 17 (18), 18 (19), 19 (20), 20 (21), 21 (22), 22 (23), 23 (24), 24 (25), 25 (26), 26 (27), 27 (28), 28 (29), 29 (30), 30 (31), 31 (32), 32 (33), 33 (34), 34 (35), 35 (36), 36 (37), 37 (38), 38 (39), 39 (40), 40 (41), 41 (42), 42 (43), 43 (44), 44 (45), 45 (46), 46 (47), 47 (48), 48 (49), 49 (50), 50 (51), 51 (52), 52 (53), 53 (54), 54 (55), 55 (56), 56 (57), 57 (58), 58 (59), 59 (60), 60 (61), 61 (62), 62 (63), 63 (64), 64 (65), 65 (66), 66 (67), 67 (68), 68 (69), 69 (70). There are several blacked-out areas, notably a large one in the center, a vertical one on the left, and horizontal ones at the top and bottom.

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 9/28/15

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'Modern-day pirate': Kim Dotcom's words now used against him



Kim Dotcom sits in the Auckland District Court during an extradition hearing in Auckland, New Zealand. The much-delayed extradition hearing for Dotcom and three others who owned or helped run the website Megaupload began in Auckland this week in a case that could have broader implications for Internet copyright rules.

(Jason Oxenham/New Zealand Herald via AP.)

NICK PERRY

Associated Press

AUCKLAND, New Zealand

(AP) — Prosecutors say Kim Dotcom and his colleagues sometimes reveled in their role as "modern-day pirates," discussed how to thwart the justice system, and joked that a judge would one day realize how "evil" they were. The much-delayed extradition hearing for Dotcom and three others who owned or helped run the website Megaupload began in Auckland this week in a case that could have broader implications for Internet copyright rules.

Megaupload was shut down by U.S. authorities in early 2012, but not before prosecutors claim it raked in some \$175 million, mainly from people who flocked to the site to illegally download movies.

Dotcom has been listening to the arguments while slowly swiveling in his black leather armchair, a concession by the judge to his bad back. Parked outside the court is a remnant from the high-rolling lifestyle Dotcom long embraced — a black Mercedes SUV with the vanity plate "kim.com." Federal authorities have charged Dotcom and the others with conspiracy to commit copyright infringement, racketeering and money laundering. A summary of the U.S. case is being presented by New Zealand lawyers as the U.S. attempts to extradite the men to face trial in Virginia.

Lawyer Christine Gordon told a judge this week that after Dotcom launched Megaupload in 2005, it grew to become so popular that each day 50 million people used the site, sucking up 4 percent of all Internet traffic.

"This was a big fraud but conducted in a fairly simple manner," she said. "Behind the scenes, the

respondents admitted their business broke the law. Sometimes they enjoyed the fact they were making their money by breaking the law," she said. "Sometimes they worried about protection, and pondered what action they should take to, and I'm quoting here Mr. Dotcom's words, 'counter the justice system.'"

That some people used the site for illegally downloading movies is not in dispute. The real question is the extent to which Dotcom and the others knew about this activity, and whether or not they encouraged it. Prosecutors are trying to use the men's own words against them, after some of their online chatter was intercepted by the FBI. Sometimes, Gordon said, they joked about being pirates, or how their site wasn't totally "legit," or how they weren't "the dumb pipe we claim to be." □

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Scientists: Drought stressing California's giant sequoias

BY SCOTT SMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) -- Giant Sequoias growing in California's Sierra Nevada are among the largest and oldest living things on earth, but scientists climbing high up into their green canopies say they are seeing symptoms of stress caused by the state's historic drought. Patches of brown, dead foliage are appearing more than in past years, say researchers studying the iconic trees, which only grow naturally in the Sierra Nevada. By taking stock of groves that are most vulnerable, scientists say they can better manage the forest through the hotter, drier droughts expected in the future.

"They're beautiful, majestic trees," said Karen Nydick, a National Park Service ecologist and part of the research team focused on



Giant Sequoia trees are seen in a meadow at Sequoia National Park near Visalia, Calif.
(Associated Press)

the treasured trees. "People come from all over the world to see the Giant Sequoias." Some living more than 3,000 years, Giant Sequoias grow to nearly 300

feet tall. There are other trees that live longer and some that grow taller, but researchers say the Giant Sequoias are unique for their size and longevity.

Roughly 75 distinct groves that grow mostly in the southern Sierra Nevada were critical to founding the Sequoia National Park 120 years ago. They have

endured past wildfires and droughts, but Nydick said this fourth year of drought in California is marked by a record-low snow pack and some of the hottest temperatures recorded in the park. The data they collect will be another important piece of information helping forestry officials to identify which groves need to be thinned through prescribed burns to allow in more sunlight and give certain trees a larger share of the scarce underground water. Nydick said that a single tree can require up to 800 gallons a day.

Anthony Ambrose, a tree biologist with the University of California, Berkeley, hiked deep into the Giant Forest east of Visalia one day recently and dropped his heavy backpack stuffed with a climbing harness and 600 feet of rope. "I'll be climbing this tree," he said. □

Environmentalists ask court to stop Hawaii tuna quota shift

AUDREY McAVOY
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Environmentalists this weekend asked a federal judge to stop the National Marine Fisheries Service from allowing Hawaii-based fishermen to attribute some of the bigeye tuna they catch to U.S. territories.

They argue the agency is enabling the fishermen to circumvent international agreements aimed at controlling the overfishing of a popular tuna species known as ahi.

Earthjustice attorney David Henkin told U.S. District Court Judge Leslie Kobayashi the fisheries service acted illegally when it created a framework allowing Hawaii longline fishermen to record some of



'Bigeye' tuna line the floor of the United Fishing Agency's auction house in Honolulu. Environmentalists want a federal judge to stop the National Marine Fisheries Service from allowing Hawaii-based fishermen to attribute some of their bigeye tuna catch to U.S. territories.

(AP Photo/Eugene Tanner)

their catch as having been caught by fishermen in Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa.

"This is allowing them to fish without limits," Henkin said of Hawaii fishermen during a hearing in federal court for a motion Earthjustice filed on behalf of the Conservation Council for Hawaii and other environmental groups.

Bradley Oliphant, a U.S. Justice Department attorney who argued on behalf of the fisheries service, said the agency carefully studied the environmental effects of the quota transfer. He said the arrangement meets the requirements of U.S. fisheries and environmental laws.

The 26-member nation

Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, which regulates fishing from east and southeast Asia to waters around Hawaii, set a limit of about 3,500 metric tons for Hawaii longline fishermen this year. That's about 7 percent less than last year.

The National Marine Fisheries Service enforces these limits in the U.S. This year, the Hawaii fishery reached its annual limit in August, several months earlier than in the past.

The agency has also proposed rules that would allow Hawaii longline fishermen to bring in more bigeye tuna by shifting some of their catch to territorial fleets, which do not face the same limits from the commission. □

At The Movies:

'Hotel Transylvania 2' bites off September record

LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — September has a new box office star in "Hotel Transylvania 2." The PG-rated animated pic earned a robust \$47.5 million in its debut weekend, making it the top September opener of all time, according to Rentrak estimates Sunday.

The previous record holder was "Hotel Transylvania" which opened to \$42.5 million in 2012.

"It really is something the whole family can agree to see. There are laughs for adults, kids, and teenagers as well," said Rory Bruer, president of worldwide distribution for Sony.

According to the studio, an estimated 59 percent of audiences were female and 60 percent were under the age of 25.

Paul Dergarabedian, a Senior Media Analyst for box

office tracker Rentrak, noted that the film capitalized on early excitement for Halloween. It's also serving an audience eager for more family friendly animated content.

"This year hasn't been oversaturated with family animated films, it seems like virtually all have done well," he said.

The film, which cost around \$80 million to make, features the voices of Adam Sandler, Mel Brooks, Selena Gomez and Kevin James and is the only animated feature on the market until "Peanuts" opens in November.

"The Intern," a PG-13 rated workplace comedy starring Anne Hathaway and Robert De Niro, took second with a solid \$18.2 million.

Audiences for the Nancy Meyers written and directed film were 62 percent



Blobby, clockwise from foreground left, Griffin the Invisible Man, voiced by David Spade, Wayne, voiced by Steve Buscemi, Dracula, voiced by Adam Sandler, Frank, voiced by Kevin James and Murray, voiced by Keegan-Micheal Key, appear in a scene from in Columbia Pictures and Sony Pictures Animation's "Hotel Transylvania 2."

(Sony Pictures Animation via AP)

women and 88 percent over the age of 25. Significantly, 55 percent were over 50-years-old — an audience that doesn't typically rush out to see films on opening weekend.

"Nancy Meyers is her own brand and I think that automatically accesses an audience who looks at it

and thinks 'this is a movie I want to see,'" said Jeff Goldstein, an executive vice president at Warner Bros., of the veteran filmmaker known for films like "It's Complicated."

"Here we have a real hit," he said.

"Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" took third place in

its second weekend in theaters with \$14 million — a 54 percent drop from its opening. The film has brought in \$51.7 million to date.

"Everest," meanwhile, landed in fourth place with only \$13.1 million after expanding nationwide. The fact-based adventure film opened only on IMAX and premium large format 3D screens last weekend.

"It's very difficult to know where a film is going to land when there's no good comp for it. Based on the releasing pattern we had for the movie, we're kind of blazing a new trail. You can call it an experiment if you will," said Nick Carpou, who heads Universal's domestic distribution. "When you add the two weekends together and the mid-weeks in between, sitting here at \$23 million feels really good." □

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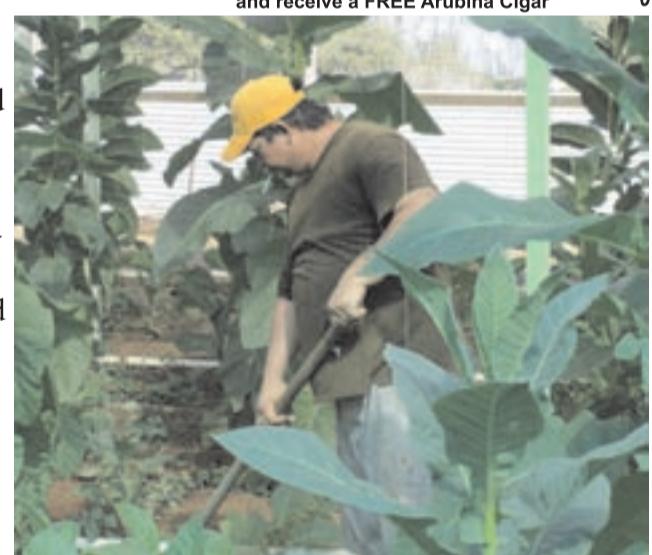
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Obama, Beyoncé part of Global Citizen fest all-star lineup

MESFIN FEKADU
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — First lady Michelle Obama introduced a new campaign focusing on education for girls, Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai earned loud applause for her striking speech and Beyoncé was energetic during her live performance at the 2015 Global Citizen Festival.

The multihour event held on the Great Lawn in New York's Central Park also featured Vice President Joe Biden, Hugh Jackman, Bono, Leonardo DiCaprio and Pearl Jam, who closed the event with a rocking performance.

Obama first appeared in a video promoting the 62 Million Girls campaign, but she later walked onstage after Beyoncé introduced her following her performance.

"Let's give it up for the amazing Beyoncé," Obama said. "I am thrilled to be here tonight ... and honored to follow a

woman who I admire and adore."

Obama said she has traveled the world and met

"Right now 62 million girls are not in school ... they deserve the same chances to get an education as

cide with the U.N. General Assembly meeting, and fans earned free tickets by taking actions to end pov-



Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, left, and Beyoncé perform at the Global Citizen Festival in Central Park on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, in New York.

(Photo by Greg Allen/Invision/AP)

with young women who have not had a chance to receive an education. She asked the audience to tweet photos of themselves with the hashtag #62MillionGirls and say what you learned in school. Obama said she learned how to "speak up" in school.

my daughters and your daughters," she told the feverish audience, who cheered her on. President Barack Obama also appeared in a video at the event, in its fourth year and aimed at ending poverty around the world. The festival is timed to coin-

erty on globalcitizen.org. Yousafzai, the 18-year-old Pakistani activist, was passionate as she spoke about fighting for the right for all children to receive an education. "I want education to be the top priority because how can we end poverty ... when we deny

the right to education," she said. "It's not that there is lack of money in this world ... we have billions and trillions of dollars, but where the money goes is military, it's things that are useless and that are not useful to society."

"It is a book and a pen that can change the life of a child — it's not a gun," Yousafzai added. "It was a gun that hit me on the left side of my forehead, it was a gun that hit my two friends, but it wasn't a pen. But it was a pen (that) really helped us go forward in our lives."

The event, which aired on MSNBC, was hosted by Stephen Colbert, Kerry Washington, Salma Hayek Pinault, Olivia Wilde and other top celebrities. Usher, Jason Sudeikis, Laverne Cox, Katie Holmes, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Bill and Melinda Gates also attended the event, along with multiple world leaders, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. □

Milan: Heidi Klum coaxes boyfriend to buy giant plastic snail for \$1.6 million at amfAR

COLLEEN BARRY
SIAN WATSON

Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — Heidi Klum gently, but persistently coaxed her boyfriend Vito Schnabel to buy her a giant plastic snail at the 7th annual Milan amfAR auction, nudging up the price of the sculpture and helping raise a Milan record of \$1.6 million for the charity.

"Vito, I thought you were going to buy me the snail!" the model, who chaired the event, pleaded from stage Saturday night, as bidding heated up. A few bids later, the 29-year-old art dealer won the 3-meter (11-foot) snail by the Europe-based Cracking Art Group for 20,000 euro (\$22,000). Klum, a mother of four, said she planned to put it in her garden.

The amfAR charity raises money for AIDS research, with the goal of finding a cure for AIDS by 2020. The organization's chair-

man Kenneth Cole told the crowd that the money raised at the auction would be used to set up an amfAR institute for the cure.

During a break in the auction, actress and model Dakota Johnson introduced Blondie singer Debbie Harry, calling her "my personal perception of cool."

Harry, looking fabulous in a snug black sequin dress and sunglasses with her trademark splash of blonde hair, asked if any of the tailors in the room could help her guitarist, who had ripped his pants. He lifted his leg gamely to show the tear.

As Harry, now 70, belted out "Heart of Glass" and "Call Me," some in the fashion crowd couldn't resist the beat and danced by their dinner tables.

"I have always supported amfAR from the very beginning. I think it is very

worthwhile, they've had some tremendous success and the support and the feeling for it is wonderful," Harry told The Associated Press as she arrived.

Also during the auction, Goga Ashkenazi, who is reviving the historic Vionnet brand, paid 22,000 euros for a 1970 photograph of Debbie Harry, hair teased out and eyes upward against a red background, by rock photographer Mick Rock. The print was signed by both Rock and Harry. And Lapo Elkann, whose family controls Ferrari, apparently can't get enough of fast cars: He paid 75,000 euros to race a Ferrari and other high-performance cars in Las Vegas with actress Michelle Rodriguez.

Roberto Cavalli's new creative director, Peter Dundas, arrived with singer Ciara on his arm wearing one of his creations that had just made its runway debut hours before. □



Model Heidi Klum arrives for the amfAR charity dinner during the fashion week in Milan, Italy, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015

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